GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Arms Act & Rules – General Elections to Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, 2024 to be held on **13.05.2024** – Restriction on possession of Arms – Notification - Issued.

HOME (ARMS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.422 **Dated:27.03.2024,**
Read the following:-

From CEO & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Govt. O/o. the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh U.O.Note.No. 2155/Elections.A1/A3/2024-1, dt:23-03-2024.

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ORDER:

The following notification will be published in an Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated: 27.03.2024.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas General Elections to the Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, 2024 are to be held on 13.05.2024.

2. And whereas, the Chief Electoral Officer & E.O. Principal Secretary to Government, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh has requested to issue necessary orders to all concerned on the instructions of the Election Commission of India for strict compliance of ban on issue of license arms, ban on carrying of licensed arms, seizure of unlicensed arms and ammunitions, deposit of licensed arms in entire State of Andhra Pradesh till the completion of election process.

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (9)of section 17 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Central Act 54 of 1959) read with the notification G.S.R.1309, dated the 1st October, 1962, of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby suspend all the Arms Licenses granted under the said Act and also under Arms Rules, 2016 and impose ban on issue of new licenses in view of General Elections to the Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, 2024 to be held on 13.05.2024, with immediate effect.

4. The Government further direct that all the Arms Licence holders residing in all the Assembly Constituencies in the State of Andhra Pradesh shall deposit their Fire Arms in the respective Police Stations or the

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District Magistrates or Superintendents of Police or with the Licensed Arms Dealers within seven (7) days from the date of issue of this Notification except those issued to persons employed on guard duty in the premises of Nationalized Banks, Public Sector Undertakings and Security Personnel, including Security Personnel of Scheduled Private Sector Banks, the Sportsmen who are the members of National Rifle Association at different levels and have to participate in various Sporting events in which they need to use their Rifles and also hereby ban the issue of new licence in the entire State of Andhra Pradesh.

5. These orders shall be in force till the announcement of result of General Elections to the Lok Sabha and Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, 2024 to be held on 13.05.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing, Andhra Pradesh Govt. Press,
Mutyalampadu, Vijayawada (with a request to publish the above Notification in the next extraordinary issue of A.P.Gazette and send 100 copies thereof immediately).
The Chief Electoral Officer & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government,
O/o. The Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh,Building No.5,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in Andhra Pradesh.
The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada.
All the Superintendents of Police in the State.
The General Administration (Elections.B) Department.
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// FORWARDED : : BY ORDER //

M. Padmavathi
SECTION OFFICER